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REMARKS**OFFICIAL**

The Examiner issued a restriction requirement on August 8, 2003. The Examiner restricted the application into two groups, claims 1-18 and claims 19-22. In response, Applicant elects to prosecute claims 1-18 at this time.

Based upon the above remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact Applicant's attorney at the number indicated below.

Dated: September 8, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313, Group Art Unit 3761 at (703) 872-9302 on September 8, 2003.

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